GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1840
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2008
CONSERVATION OF SACRED GROVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal for Conservation of Sacred Groves in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any scheme to the Union Government in this regard and requested for financial assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)& (b) There is no scheme for Conservation of Sacred Groves as on date. Under the Scheme - Intensification of Forest Management, a proposal to provide financial assistance for Conservation of Sacred Groves is under consideration.

(c) The Government of Kerala had submitted ten proposals for Conservation of Sacred Groves requesting financial assistance.

(d) No final view in the matter has been taken in the light of reply at (a) & (b) above.